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Attn: Raymond Basso, Strategic Integration Manager
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Dear Mr. Basso:

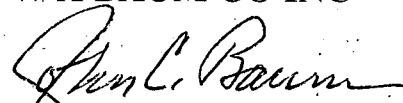
This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 9th regarding the Study Area at Berry's Creek, Bergen County, New Jersey.

Why our company should be considered a "Potentially Responsible Party" is not clear to us. Our company has purchased Triple-Distilled Mercury from the refinery at the site and also have sent mercury there to be recycled. Our company manufactures clinical sphygmomanometers which contain approximately 2 teaspoons of mercury. After many years of use, some of these instruments are returned to us for servicing. We remove the old mercury, replace it with fresh mercury and save the used mercury until we have enough to send to the refinery for recycling. We have been recycling small quantities of old mercury like this for most of our 90-year history. We are still doing this but with a refiner in the state of Pennsylvania. We have no knowledge of the process used and assume the firms that do the refining adhere to whatever disposal requirements may be in place.

Under the circumstances, it seems that any mercury contamination or pollution was caused by the refiners - not by us. That is our firm opinion.

Nevertheless, we will request further information from our insurance carrier to enable us to add to this response.

Very truly yours,
W A BAUM CO INC.


John C. Baum, President

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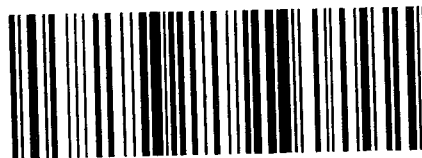


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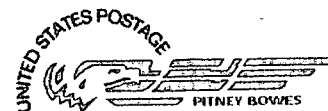
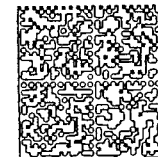
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